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the Skyscapes made under her albatross. It enough I can tell
the number before you may know what relation it has. When the
Mauritius Boobies "Gull-billed Tropic" & others
are seen in the air over the Islands

J. M. and H. H. in each Islands



THE
Famous & renowned
History of Morindos a King of
Spaine; Who maryed with Miraco-
la a Spanish Witch: and of their sea-
nen daughters, (rightly furna-
med Ladies with bleeding
hearts;) their births, their
lives and their
deaths.

A History most wonderfull, strange, and plea-
sant to the reader.



L O N D O N

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How Morindos a King of Spaine
married with Miracula a Witch: and how
he was transformed without shape for pol-
Iuting the Temple of God.

CHAP. I



When Spaine was nursed with the milke of
paganisme, vertue not knowne, nor God
honoured, there liues a people so ripe in sin,
that the keene edge of shames sickle, lay
even ready whetted to reape them downe
for confusions harvest: yet the subiects
then living were not so wicked as the King vittious: a
King we name him, (if illustrious title of maiestie, may
grace so pernicious a foe to nature with so royall a stile)
his birth was fatall, for when the midwife pulled him
from the cradle of his conception, the earth quakst, and
heauen rained blood: his parents ominous, the one de-
voured by wolves, the other burnt to death by thunders:
his youth full of unlucky chancies, his age tirannous and
mischieuous, and all his life subiect to blacke misdades.
Whan his parents by heauens wraeth had ended thus their
daies, he raigned King, and wore the imperiall Diademe,
but such a King, good men thought never sprong from wo-
mans wombe. Morindos too so we name him, being
seated upon the thronae of maiestie, ruled not in loue but
by force, making his nobles slaves to his sinne, and their
wives

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wives, feeders of his lust: for every day in the yeare hee had a severall concubine, all young, beawtifull, and louely: nature framed their bodies faire, though sinne made their soules blacke: for both art and riches indeuored to delight his inflatiate desires: earths chieffest pleasures were at his commaund: and all the lullabies of content, rocked hym in the cradle of securitie: thus careles of heauens wrath, he more honoured the Deuill, then he loued God: and what was the vilest to nature, he most doted vpon. But now after al these pleasures of his wanton youth, the kinde imbraces of his sayre concubines, which like earthly Angells made hym happy in natures spoors, he wickedly fell inamored vpon one of the Druiills blacke saints, one Madam Miracola, a Witch of damnation, now burning in hell for her blacke deedes: this Madam Miracola borne of noble parentage, brought vp in the deepest artes, skilfull in Hagickcharmes, and incantations, who hauing spent seauen yeres in that deepe mistery of coniurac[i]on, sil-dome sleeping without the society of spirites, fayries, gobins, or nightly shaps: hir chieffest studie and ayme was at principallities, to rule sole Queene and gouernour of the Kingdome, and no way was there to attaine to that imperial seat, but by marrying with king Morindos, though not a match fit, he being discended royally, she but nobly: yet by sorceries, witchcrafts, and magick deuiles, shee obtained hir purpose, and in this manner obtained it.

Upon a time when King Morindos, in the height of his ruelles, whist some of his fairest concubines, daunced before him naked in their cambrick smockes: the more to inkinde lukes fire, shee entred the chamber of their licentious spoors, with a maske of wonder, the like never seene in Princes court: for all the Maskers (except hir selfe) were infernall spirites, visible, but not tangable, all in the shaps of young Ladis, attired in more changeable silkes then the colours of the Rainbowe: hir selfe

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selfe in a robe of such richnes, as it seemed to exceede the glorie of the sunne for brightnes: hir owne bodie shee im-bathed and supled with a water of such enchantment, that what man soever first set eye vpon her, either present loue or present death, had destini allotted him: for well knew she that no man presumed his presence, during this time of pleasure.

This Madam Miracola, assisted by the blacke fates of hell, by delusions won the kings loue: whose unconstant eyes, no sooner firt their inflecting beames on this killing cokatrice: but all on a sodaine fire his loue inflamed, y nothing could quench it, but hir loue isynd to his, which were imediately sealed together: loue, desire, and lust, so conspired against his bewitched heart, that he presently auoided the chamber of his inticing damsel, and shee of hir deluding spirits: remaining then but two bodies, two hearts, and tws tongues, he began to reueale loues secrete in this manner: Madam quoth he (knowing hir to be a long attender in his court) good or euill fortune hath enchanted me, and now thy present loue or hate, must either glorifie me with earthly happinessse, or send me wandring to the darksome walkes of death, where no societie but crawling wormes and dead mens bones are resident: deny me not therefore good Madam, I am this countres Potentate, I can commaund both wealths and power, cities, towres, and townes: Statesmen stoope, and humbly kneele vnto my foote: royalties, dignitie, and al other kingly promictons, are at my disposing: vnto my pleasures all the land submits: delights are my vassels, both land, & sea as subiects serue to make me happy: I am an earthly God, be thou my Goddess, take all these honours, I will attend on thee, Ile bee thy subiect, thy servant, I will kiss thy foote: deny not my loue for thou hast bewitcht my heart, inchaunted me, fired mee with a quenchlesse flame, all my boddie burnes and nothing but the iweete Dewe of thy graunt can qualifie

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qualifie it : make mee either vnforsunate or happy sweet Madame . This being breathed from his longing soule , she satte more tractable to loues motions then he , made a full conclusion of a willing acceptance in this sort : I haue a minde imperious monarcke (said she) soaring vp to the battlements of heaven , no bace desires nor loue byd thought , shall any whit aspire my princely will : I ayne at a kingly bed , where maestie sleepes , whose chamber is imperious , garded with commanding statesmen: seauen weary winters , and as many sommers haue my hopes bene climbing vp this kingly ladder , and now on the top of fortunes wheele am I fallen into a princes bosome: in louing me(great King) thou conquerest fate , thou subiectest hell , thou maist (by my assistance) command legions of the black hoast to houer ouer thy Pallace , and in the twinkling of an eye,blast vp all thy wicked conspiratorz: if our mindes but once prove equall in the cheare of soueraignty, the earth shall be farre too lit- tle for thy gouernement : my magick charmes shall un- howell the earth , rip vp her bosome , ransack her rich trea- suries for thy vse : my magicke charmes for thee , and so thy pleasure shall empty the vast Ocean and cram thy kingdome with thole riches that mans eye hath not seene since the worlds creation : my charmes for thy content shall paue thy Court with pearles , emrodes and Dia- monds : commaund great king , and the marble stones that now compasse thy pallace shal daunce , and the ayer like singing Cherubins sound vs heauenly hermony : con- tents, delights, pleasures , ioyes , and all the solaces of heauen and earth , shall be thy attendantz by inuesting me thy equall in great maestie: thus , and in this maner did she clime the supremacie , and tyed upon her backe the title of a Queen. Being both enchanted thus , and intangled in the snares of desire , they imediately tied Himes knot , a band that none sunders but death : the mariage they so- lemnized the same night , not able to stay the mornings rise , but

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but as blacke thoughts haue blacke events , so in blacke manner was this mariage celibated , it was euen at the midle of night , when the Scritchowle, Kockes , and Dozemice, sleepe in foggy mistes : it was euen at that houre when the ghoastes of dead men walke , when mar- therers dreame of villany , euen when y earth had her sable garments on , was this sacred knot united , both being impatient of delay , he burning in lust , she aspiring a king- dome , converted the holy temple to a mariage bed : be- euer black this deede of hell , and never be it tould but with a trembling tongue , for never was night more darke then this : the sable curtines of the ayer were all as pitch , and seemd to hide this polluted sinne : the earth cast vp such a misty vapour , that extinguished both fire and cresset- lights : art could not make one candles flame , nor any meane of brightnesse to beholde each other: so wicked was this enterprise of theirs , that both heauen & earth shewed fatall prodigies , and euerie thing(that dismall night) grew different from nature : nothing was heard but howling Dogges, croaking Toades , and hissing snakes , unknowne boyses bellowed in the court , and the polluted Temple so viley stained , was compassed about with gasti- ly spirits , Fire-drakes and walking Goblins . But marke now the strangest of al wonders , euen at the verie instant when the seede of procreation conioyned ; euen as it were a crie of mandrakes strooke the King into a madnes , blaspheming heauen till his tongue grew dumbe , his eyes blinde , his eates dease , his ioyntes numbe , and all his bo- dye shapelesse . And as a Beare new whelpt like a lumpe of flesh without fashon , lay clasp'd in the armes of this new made Queen . But now when the morning came , and that the light of heauen sommond all creaturez from sleepe , the Nobles of his court came to his bed-side , think- ing to give them both a ioyfull good morrow , but even as their lyps gaue way to their tongues passage , their eies es- pied this fearefull accident : a iudgement that heauen hath
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Sildome yet shalwe, which was a king, deafe, dumbe, blinde and iinceles, by breathing life: which straunge sight stroke the nobles into such a maze, that without any farther speach they so sooke the court, confidently thinking it unhappy, in harboring so vile a monster as this king was. Now this new made Queene or damned enchantesse, having purchased a kingdome by hir blacke proceedings, was so blinded with the greatnesse of maiestie, and so rauished with the brightnesse of a crowne, being now sole Queene and gouernour thereof, made a carelesse sport of gods iudgement, and having in hit court none left but parasites, and flatterers, such as are commonly the right hands to principallities, made the greatest sinners the most honorable, and held the vitiouſ in best regard: the deformed ſhape of the king haſing life but no ſences, he cauſed to be put in a brasen coffen, and fed him daily with humane blood, which he poured into his mouth through quilles of siluer: the ſuccesse hereof you shall heare in the next chapter, and what a ſtraunge conception he had after this firſt night of hit mariage.

Here the incantated Queene made the Deuils a banquet with hir husbands bodie: her three queſtions to the ſame Deuils, and their anſwers, and of her diſpairing lamentations in a darke dungeon.

Chap. 2.

Done blaſted were the hopes of this aſpiring Queene, and ſcowlings miſchance with a bended brow, hemd in their mariadge bed: heauens wrath and hells fury, laid heauie burthenis vpon them, and as it were, broke their heart-ſtrings aſunder: for Miracola, after ſhe had coſſend her deformed hūband, yet breathing life, melancholly diſpaire

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paires, and pſning grieſe chiefly atended vpon her: discontent, ſuſpition, and feare were her gardians by day, and by night: ſtraunge viſions, dolefull ouercries & vnguiet dreames assayled her: wilde beaſts craide from the woods and in tame manner made them dennes within her court: unlucky birds forſooke the ayre to ſit vpon her pallace, ſuch as nightowles and crooking ratiens be, ſounding forth fatal and harsh harmony: the ſun ſeemēd to ſhine vpon her with a ſcowlings face, the moone as aſhamd of her ſoules dānation (in conſerring thus wiſe-ſuſtis) as it were drew backe behinde the pitchy cloſedes, and unwillingly lent light vnto the meſter ſtarres: eache thing grew contrary to kinde, onely her ſelfe excepted, for he haſing made an afonement with the princes of the ſtevy world, put her whole confidence in them, and onelye truſted through their aſſiſtance, to lead Fortune in a ſtrīng and at her pleasure command kingdomes. So vpon an euening, when the daies bright eye had left heauens later pallace, and night with her blacke canopie, had compaſt in the earth, ſhe betooke her to her private chamber, where Medea like, ſhe raised vp her ouyl ſervants, the furies or rather the ſpirits of darkenes, from their burning beds, ſuch as condemned ſouls lyg flaming vpon, who no ſooner preſented themſelues before her, but ſhee queſtioned them in this manner: I charge you (quoth ſhe) you enemites to heauen and man, by the hand and condition made betwixt you and me ſealed with my deareſt blood, and by the ſevene ſucking babes that I once offred to you at mid-night, and by the hope you haue of my ſoulos purchase at my deaths fatal hower, anſwere me truly to threſe ſevene all queſtions which here I will preſently propound vnto you: firſt how long my life ſhall continue, ſecondly whether I ſhall die a Queene or not: laſtly the number of my children and their following fortunes: to which profeſſions, theſe iuſtiments of miſchiefe immeadiately condicceded to anſwere, but vpon this ſtraunge condition following: that as a ſoe to theſe blacke barratours, ſhe ſhould

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Should deliver vp her husbands deformed body, and serue
it to them in seauen severall banquets, that both his flesh
and blooo, as a bribe to hell might be made foode for spir-
its: which demand to this woman monster, seem'd but
an easiere queste, and therefore like to the viper, which feeds
vpon her owne dam, gave that life and body to the ty-
rany of hell, which ought to haue bene pretious in the eie
of heauen, and the dearest jewel of her owne heart: These
diligent deceiuers having no sooner promise of this pur-
chased prize, but in a misticall sort, or riddle like, gaue an-
swers to her three former questions, in this sort: Fift,
for the continuance of her life, they saide shē should liue till
the seauen daies of the weeke were forgotten: the second
question was, whether she shold dye a queene or not, they
answered that neither heauen nor earth, God nor man,
shoud take her kingdome from her: the third and last
question was, to know the number of her children and
their following fortunes, to this they answered, that from
her bodie shoud spring seauen braunches, whose tops
shoud reach to heaven: These answers to this accursed
womans eares, came more soyfull then the reports of par-
don to a condemned man, and more pleasing to her heart
then for a moorish slave from the cheaned gally to be ad-
uanst unto a kingdome: therefore with a settled trusse and
affarance of the spanish crowne and goverment (little mi-
strusting the lie deceiptes of these misticall answeres) with
all convenient speed prouided a chamber, wherin she
might perfirme her damned condition, and deliuer vp her
husbands body to the gluttony of hell: therefore ascending
to the top of her pallace, into a marble tower, she caused
her husbands bodie to be brought therer, and after com-
maunded the walles to be hung round about with blacke
mourning cloth, to signifie her damned and fatall enter-
prise: this being done, she purposed to devide the service of
her seauen banquets into seauen severall daies, and in this
manner were they accomplished: the first day vpon a ta-

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ble of blacke Ebony, in two vpon plates or platters, she set
the two legs of her unhappy husband, which so often (in
his good daies of fortune) beside the warlike palfrey in
the honour of his country: the second day vpon the same
Ebony table, she placed his fine wod thighes (in two vessells
of lead) whose blew vrgnes signified the force & strength
of manhood: the third day she likewise brought to the table
his secret partes and bowels, in a vessel of tin or pewter,
wherein lay the seed of procreation: the fourth day she fur-
nished the same table, in a charger of brasse, with the belly
and inward partes of his body, which had so often bene
cherishit with delicious and princely banquets: the fift day
in like manner in a vessel of compounded mettle named
alchyme, she brought to the table his manly breast, whith
as a towre had many yeares clos'd vp his heart: the
sixt day in a platier of fine siluer, she serued in two arms
of her husband, which whilst vertue gouern'd, held both
the scepter of peace and the sword of warre: the seuenth
and last, day in a vessel of pure gould, being the dearest
and richest seruice, she brought in his head, which had so
often bene ornatid with an imperall diadem, containing
a tongue that could in former times, haue giuen the life
or death: all these unnaturall seruises by the hands of a
Welvish natured woman. Being no sooner finished, & the
fatall table auoided, but both heauen and earth, land & sea,
as it were gaue echoes of terror: hell it selfe seemed to trem-
ble, and spewid vp corrupted sauors, & from her fiery fur-
naces, cast abroad such spackling flames, & even the im-
brodered vestures beset with goldsmiths workmanship,
so gorgeously beautifing her bodie, were fiered, and the
golden trameis of her haire, burnd from her head: notwithstanding
all this nothing amazed the shameles minde of
Miracula, nor any way affrighted her w^t the fero^r of hea-
vens wrath, for v^t the st^t of promotiō so bewitched her, am-
bitious pride so infected her, and the desire of a diadem
so imbaldoned her, that thinking both crown and kingdom
her asurance for ever, by v^t false promises of hel; immediately
vpon

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Vpon this same tower or châber wher she had thus sacrificed her husbands body, she caused certaine characters or letters to be ingraven vpon the marble walles, concerning her perpetuall happines : The first superscription was to this effect following. Vpon this earth Miracula shallie, till the seauen daies of the weeke be forgotten: which she thought was sover.

The second superscription was: That neither heauen nor earth, God nor man shold take her kingdome from her.

The third: That her children like seauen braunches should reach to heauen.

These thre promises she regarded as Dracles, and believed that through them her earthly happines shold neuer end: but sudainely this violent ioy, turned into an extreame griefe, for as she stood contemplating of these neuer-ceasing delights, there entred insuisible into the chamber, one of the blacke potentates of hell, and vnder every one of these superscriptions, engraved these significacions: Under the first this: The seauen daies of the weeke, be thy seauen daughters now breeding in thy wombe, who no sooner ripe but rotten, no sooner borne but forgoten.

Under the second: Though neither heauen nor earth, God nor man will take the kingdome from thee, yet hel and the deuill shall.

Under the third: The seauen braunches whose tops should reach to heauen, be the seauen deadly sinnes that shall spring from thy wombe, whose bloody enterpryses, and blacke deedes, shall clime heauen for an eternall Judgement.

These dismall and ominous revelations, were no sooner ceaz'd vpon, by the eyes of this accursed Queene, but all the partes of her body trembled with feare: not a member but the serro2 thereof distempered: now feare of Gods vengeance by little and little entred into her heart, and the quivering thoughts of hells damnation fill her bosome full of dispaire: without all hope of saluation, she inclos'd

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clos'd herselvse in the centorie of the earth, in a caue where neither light of sunne, nor the glimmering brightnes of the moone might descend, nor any voice of man or other creature could yeeld her comfort: thus excluding her selfe from all wozldly solaces, committing the government of her kingdomes to Sicophants and carelesse guiders, she wast-ed away the tyme of ten moneths, in this dark and solitarie dungen, both day and night, making these or such like wefull lamentations: Oh Nature (quoth she) thou nurse of euery living thing, why diest not thou end me in my first beginning? why did my mothers wombe, bring to light this my damned soule? why did my cradle rock this my body of perdition, to so many lullabites? I wish my nurses pappe had yeelded nought but venomous poysen, and that my swathing clothes, had ben sheetes of boylng lead, that both life and body at one instant had ben both consumed: but woe is me, I am reserved for an eternal torment: my tongue hath consented to my soules everlasting damnation, and my hand seal'd to a band that can never be cancel'd, till I be cast into hel's deuowing bowels: fall vpon me thou great flame of heauen: couer me: thunder-claps descend, whirle windes arise, and cast me beyond the bounds of mans imaginacions: thou spirit of red venge-ance, transforme me to some venomous worme: make me without soule, or feeling, that my torment be not ever-lasting: woe vpon woe pursues me, for the gayning of a crowne and kingdome, haue I sould and for euer lost my deare soule, whome all the treasures both of earth and sea, nor the prayers of good men can euermore redeeme, curse be mine eies that traind me to this damned studie: band be my tongue that practisid first these incantacions: and woe to all my wits and sensess, that so cursedly gaue ouer themselves, to these magick charmes: in loue and rage, be you mad, distraught and lunaticke. Dig vp the bowelles of the earth, and wander far beyond the Antipodes: but ob-s; euer weep, weep thou most miserable soule, howle

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and lament that griece may split asunder thy sad heart,
for such a woful heart never liv'd in womans breast: thus
and in this maner spent she in deepe lamentations, both
minutes, houres, weekes and moneths, till her wombe
grew big, and the fruit therein ripe and ready to fall.

How the enchanted Queene was deliuered of seauen
daughters at one time: and how she lay in child bed
one and twentie yeares after.

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Mid betwix her prodegius and unlucky marriage, ten times had the silver moone renewd
her brightnesse, and the time of her deliuerie
drew neare vnto the appointed hower: when
in great tormentes both of soule and bodie, she ascended
from her darke habitation, wheresoever fortie weekes, her
chiesest foode was sorow, griece and care: but now like
vnto the owle ashamed of the light, she came abroade, and
caused punction to be made fitting for her deliuery: and
although her Ladies inwardly hated her life and conuer-
sation, yet in charitie and christian loue, they attened
her safetie, being conducted to her chamber, where the
painefull hower of childe bearing were to be indured: the
pinching threes so tortured her womb (bearing so strange
a burthen) that she in verry griece and agonie thereof,
with her natis to reut her owne eyes, and would haue
rent the fruit alane out of her wombe, had not the tender
care of her Ladies preuented her: Thus nightes and com-
fortlesse fell she in labor, wherein she continued in great
extremite for the space of seauen daies, making such
bitter mone, and breathing from her painefull heart such
solefoll groanes, as would haue forced even merciles-

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Tigers to pittie: and so strange was her deliuerie, that
the report thereof might fill large volumes with bitter la-
mentations: so in seauen daies she brought forth seauen
maiden children, every one as halesome to the world, as the
seauen dearely sinnes: all at one birth, a thing seldom seen,
but that God in justice will shew his iudgement, vpon
so inhumane a woman.

The first was borne vpon the sunday, which we compare
unto pride, as the course of her life hereafter shall declare,
whiche childe was called Sola, after the daies name.

The second vpon the monday, which we liken unto
envy, according to her liues qualitie, and boze the name
of Lucina.

The third vpon tuesday, which we alude vnto wrath,
and therefore named Martia.

The fourth vpon wednesday supposed to be couesous-
nes, which we call Mercuria.

The fift vpon thursday, which we imagine to be vnu-
kennes, and therefore we name her Iouina.

The sixt vpon friday, which we place for lechery, and
give her the name of Venorina.

The seauenth and last of this ominous brood, was
borne vpon the saturday, which we terms to be sloth,
and so call her Saturnia.

Thus was the seede of shame brought into the world,
at whose birthes seauen black rauens, set croaking direc-
tly vpon the top of her chamber, and the howlets of mis-
chaunce, with fatall wings fluttered against the christall
windows: eache one of them boorne with teeth in their
mouthes, whereat the midwife and other her assistants
(the Ladies there present) were much amazed, and with
trembling hearts, feared to behold so strange a spectacie
of nature: but as fate and destynye had allotted, they of
their owne free willes, pronounced for these seauen monsters
(thus borne) seauen severall nurses, the wiues of seauen
Tigresses, whiche onely had their habitations, in wood-
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die caues, where they were diligently brought vp and not once suffered till their full age to come within the Court gates, where we will leue them to somernes direction for a time : The wefull mother of these vnfotunate chil- dren, being now safely deliuere, (through her owne extreme violence, lyeing sightlesse in her childbed, the onely foe to worldy delights) in the hearing of many standers by, breathed forth this pittifull complaint : oh how happy is the silly wome (saide she) that hath neither soule nor understanding, whereby the threatening of euerlasting torment may not affright it the miseries of this worlde wherein I now deseruedly lye, are but as delights & spozis in regard of them I shall seele ! When the doomes daye of my life is past. I lye now as it were vpon a bed of prick- ing thornes, & stung with a thousand serpentine stings: but wse is me, my guiltie conscience doubtis, that soz my wilfull losing of my soule. I shall lye boylng in the red hotte chaldron of damnation, more thousands of yeares; then blades of grasse growe vpon the earth, leaues vpon trees, or starres in y chistall armament: and more, whch terrifies my condemned soule. I shall lye there in consu- ming paine, (but never consumed) more millions of yeres then as if a heap of sand should lye on earth, whose topes should reach to heauen, and once in every million of yeres an eagle should fetch away but one sand, yet wold those yeres of torment haue an end, but mine can never fi- nish, soz selling that sweete soule that my deere saviouris lye was shed for: me thinkes I heare seauen sucking babes knocking at heauen gates for vengeance against me, for gynge vp their tender bodies as a foode for spirrits : me thinkes I heare seauen virgins (all the daughters of migh- tie Potentates) accusing me for enchanting them, to a heape of senseles stones : me thinkes I heare seauen aged men, whose heads were bewitised with milke white pledges of wisdom, all comming as witnessses against me, for sucking way their blood by spirrits, in the likenes

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of aspes and adders, and after sacrificing the marrow of their bones, to the chiese Prince of darknes, for which my conscience now telz me, þeauens þron hand of vengeance is euern ready to strike, and that hells wrath is inventing new tortures for my soule: and now there is a horred voice thunders in mine eare, that this my euer blained crime shall be also scourg'd in my seede, and all my kinred wash't from the face of the earth, into the vñknowne vault of sor- getfulness : and now in speaking these words, all her ioints grew lame and numbe, thereby to ioyne in equall misery with her sightles eyes : where we will leue her now, as the picture of calamitie, lyeing in childbed, for the space of one and twentie yeares, and speake of her chilidens mis- fortunes, whose liues were as odious to the world, as the seauen deadly siames.

Prides Tragedie,
The life and death of Sola the proud, the first daughter
to the enchanted Queene: a history ful of dole, woe, &
calamitie.

CHAP. 4



Heeldest and first childe of this viperous
Queene, borne vpon a sunday, bearing
the name of Sol a, and being the true pic-
ture of pride, in life and nature perseue-
ring in that deadly sinne, for being no so-
ner growne to the ripenesse of age, and
that the yeres of discretion had grafted hit with under-
standing. She was by the nobles and ladies of the land,
brought to the court, in hope that after her mothers decease
by the decree of crowning chancie, lyeing then in marne-
lous calamities shes would proue a gracious and good
queen

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queene, but it happened farre otherwise, for being now on the way of preferment, andclining vp the steps of imperi- all dignitie, a kinde of commanding pride so bewitched her, that she esteemd her selfe aboue womans kinde, and that nature had framid her of no earthly substance, but rather of the pure mould of celestiall angels : her crimson cououred cheekes whereon the glory of brauties seemed to shins her iury front or solehead where art and nature stroue for supremacie : and her bright twinkling eyes, within whose pretty bals, the God of loue seemed to shew himselfe, were al in her prowsd imaginacions so pretious for the sun to shyne vpon, and her selfe, with al other partes of her bo- die, the most pure workmanship of natures experiance, she held to angel like, to tread vpon the grosse earth: there- fore she, (the more to aduance her great pride) caused a chariot of chyntal glasse to be made, close framed on al sides to keepe both winters blastes and sommers heat from her delicate bodie: the which chariot by skilfull art was wasted vp and downe, by artifciall meanes devised by mans inuention: her foode was the purest re- stozoties of the earth, both of beastes, birds, soules and fishes, and the onely quintisence of nourishments contain- faine life: her pleasures were the musique and singing voi- ces of young virgins, the daughters o' noble men and knights: her garments were of the fine Medean silkes, weau'd vpon siluer loomes by Arabian queenes: Thus pomp and pride eleuating her minde, as it were beyond the ambition of Lucifer, who sought to pull God out of heauen and esteemd no man of that royll birth, worthy to match with her in mariage: Emperors and kings she accounted but as slaves to fortune, and the onely subie it's to variable chaunce: many high personages enterprized the conquest of her loue, but reaped the fruites of deniall and disgrace, and were not suffered that asuming fauour, as once to kisse her prowsd hand: yet at last three bould aduenturous gal- lants, hearing her thudzing fame rumord about the world, attempted

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attempted to purchase the conquest of this prize, that neither Emperours nor kings could obtaine:

The first was a Soldier, whose valor and matchles chivalrie, vpon the wings of fame was carried vp and down the earth, as far as euer the golden eie of heauen hath shewen his glistering brightnesse.

The second was a Scholler, whose Academick skill in all the seauen librall sciencies, mighte challenge in all priu- es courts, the honours of the golden tongue.

The third and last was a marchant, whose trauelles by sea, round about the earth, compassing seauen times the equinoctiall line, purchased such wealth, as builded one of the greatest citties in the worlde: These three (times hundred championes) comming before this prowsd Ladie of the earth, who sitting then like a goddesse, vpon the tribunall seat of maiestie, began their loues embassage, in this man- ner.

Deuine Sola (saide the Soldier) thou miracie of woman kinde, at whose birth good fortune daunced, this bodie of mine is become thy humble basell, and now yeelds all his purchasht honours at thy gracious feete: I that by warrs haue forragd kingdomes, unpeopled countries, and made whole fields flowing with blood, wil now at thy roial com- maund, kille the sacred plot of ground, where thy celestiall feete but standeth: I that haue dyed the flinty pavements of conquered cities with the purple goare of humaine car- casses: and fed my pampered steedes with the flesh of man, am now subiect to thy thrice glorious person, and chal- lenge to my selfe, no other happines, but one smiling glaunce from thy angelicall eyes: graunt then thy loue thou Jewell of nature, and let my soule feed vpon the plu- pinnes that procedes from the censure of thy blessed tongue in condiscending to my loue: legions of aduenturous knights shall fill thy pallace with renowne, and by their knighthly prowesse, fetch conquered kings from al the parts of the world, to doe obeysance to thy imperiall greatnessse.

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And in louing me great princiſie (qd. the ſcholler) the bꝫſe
ſearched ſtudies of all ſciences, ſhall be at thy comauand:
the pleafures of muſique, the helpeſ of phisicke, the elo-
quence of tongues, the ſecrets of ſtarres, the naſures of na-
tions, and moreouer the ſweet conforimation of deuine med-
itations, ſhal eſtate thy ſoule to the ſhining paradiſe of un-
ſpeakable bleſſednes: then make a ſcholler happy in thy
hone ſweet ſola, in whose deepe underſtanding, lie the ſe-
crets both of aire, earth and ſea.

And in louing me thou paſagon of beawtie, (quoth the
marchant) the far fetcht treasures of rich India, the gould of
Arabia, and the vnuauued carbuncles of goulen Ganges,
aboundantly ſhall fall into thy lap: I haue measured the
earth ſeauen times about, and vpon the ſea ſpread ſuch a
ſleetē o: ſhips, and rich Argoses, which like to a topless
forreſt ſeem to hide heauen, all theſe for thee and for thy
loue ſhal ſayle to thoſe nations where no ſunne ſhines, nor
moone giues light: to thoſe kiŋdomes where one night
continues ſix months, (and their purcaſe by long trauel)
thoſe inestimable valued veſtures, which had went to
beawtifie the prowd queenes of Asia: daimasks, goulen
tiffies, and robes of ſiluer, ſhall be as common to thy de-
lights, as rich ſcarlets were to the princes of Judea: in lo-
uing me thou ſhalt be atended with moſe roialties, then
kiŋ Salomon was in all his pompe: theſe and ſuch like
were the proffered curteſies of theſe threc gallant gentle-
men, every one hoping thereby to obtaine the good will of
this prowd Ladie: who was as far from kind acceptaſe
of their ſervices, as the Starued Lionelle is from mercy
when ſhe ceazeth vpon the innocent lambe: therefore re-
ſenting no other councellors but pride and ambition, the
onely nurſes of conuictiōn, without any further conſidera-
tion, made them this anſWERE.

That man (high ſpirited gentlemen) that in my bed
ſhall ſet his foote, and crop the bud of my virginitie, the
which I haue denied unto kiŋges, ſhall win the ſame grace
with

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with a ſeuere taske or knightly aduenture. First to you,
thou vndaunted knight of war, if thou canſt either by po-
licy or manhood, either wit or conqueſt of thy ſword, gaue
and purcaſe me a bed, that ſhall be ſlid with a ſofter ſub-
ſtance then the loſt downe, that grows vpon the milke
white ſwans backe, thou ſhalt inioy my loue, and I will
onely be thy wife: Likewise to thee thou ſcholler like man
of art, if by thy learning or any other deep miſtery, thou caſt
ſtame me a fountaine, that ſhall conteine a puter water
then that which raiues from heauen, or that which ſprings
from the cundets of the earth, thou ſhalt gaue my loue,
and I will be onely thy wife. Laſſly to thee thou noble ad-
uenturous marchat, if thou by any trauaile either by land
or ſea, canſt finde me a bread that ſhall be better then that
of wheat, thou ſhalt haue my loue, and I will onely be thy
wife. Upon theſe ſtrict conditions, or rather Hecullian la-
bourſ, theſe threc gallants without any further reply, de-
parted each one his ſeueall way, ſtriving which of them
ſhould accompliſh the taske propoſed vnto them: where-
we will leauē them for a while traualing ſtrange coun-
trieſ, diligenty ſeeking to bring theſe their ſtrange la-
bourſ to an end, and ſpeak of the woful miſeries that the
heauen afflied to this prowd Ladie withall.

Many months paſſed ouer the head of this hated woman
after their departures: and as ſhe grew in age, ſo did her
pride increase, in ſomuch that for the maaintenance of her
vaine beawtie, ſhe had atending vpon her a hundred of
faire and yong wiues, that once euerie day with the milke
of their breaſts, ſlid a cektern of fine gould, with the which
every morning ſhe bathed her bodie, onely to make her
beawtiful faire and white ſkin more ſmooth and amiable:
and that foode which nature gaue for the nouitʃment of
young infants, according to Gods will, ſhe wickedly abu-
ſedin the maaintenance of pride and in the ſervice of the de-
uell: This vile courſe of life ſhe long wandred in, looing
herſelfe in the wilernesſe of blacke iniquite, till the at-

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seeing eyes of wrath descended heaven, and in a moment
brooke this proud creature, into such an odious lepro-
sie, that neither eye could endure her sight, nor nostrill a-
bide her corrupting savours: now that boode so smily-
ng of natures chieseſt mould, thā lately would not in-
dure the whirling of the gentle windes, were now mo-
re loathsome then the spotted adder: and that cleare celestiall
face, that disdaid to entertaine the comfortable heate of
the warme sunne, was now moze odious (to mans sight)
then the swelling toad: and all those Ladys that had wont
to atend vpon her, forsooke her company, and fled her
chamber, as from a denne of snakes: they that kept nearest
to her, were distressed people and vile malefactors, such
as were lately deliuored from loathsome prisons and deepe
dungeons: and these in contempt of heavens iudgement,
caused she with sharpe rasers to flea off the upper skinne,
from her spotted face and leprous boode, in hope that a
new, young, and fresh skinne would againe grove, and
that her beawtie in a lively manner would againe be re-
plenished, and not as now blemished with one stained spot
or soule blcer: all this according to her will was immediate-
ly performed, but to small purpose, for the enuy of heauen
cloathed with red vengeaunce, had doomed her to a misera-
ble death, for neither art nor nature, by any practise, could
ever after couer her hated boode with any kind of skin, but
that all hit flesh contine wed rawe and loathsome, and pu-
trified vnto her bones: in this torment (as a iudgement of
hit pride) remained she, desiring death, but could not dye,
till the moone had twice twelue times renewyd her bright-
nes, and that the earth had twice put on her spring(times
livery) and twice scossis bearded winter discord dame
natures Gardens: then, oh then returnd the three
wandyng louers, with conquest of their straunge ad-
ventures, each one hoping to trape the deserts of
their true merrits.

The Soldier whose taske was to finde a bedde fitte
with

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with a loster substance then the downe feathers of swans;
in this dangerous manner brought he his labour to an
end.

First, after his departure from this proud Lady So-
la, he trauelled many strange countries, meeting with
many straunge people, and in searching many, strange
places, he happened into a caue, where Iu' da Satyrs of
such bignes, as mans eye had hardly seene: this Satyr
Iu'd vpon the spoile of travllers, within whose Caue
lay the signes of such as he had murthered and devowred:
the number of the dead bones and scules which lay
heaped there together, drave such an admiration into
the soldiers heart, that for a time his feare so aborned
that hee stood as it were senceles: but at last be-
ing ornewed with the heuld courage of manhood, hee
drew forth his shott lemier, and with one blow smote
of the Satyrs head, whilst he lay sleeping vpon a bedde
stuffed with nothing but winde, the which the soldier no
sooner perceived, but he verily beleued his taske to be
ended, and that a bedde stuffed close with winde, were
farre more loster then the downe of signets, so taking
by the same bedde, and packing it vpon his Gennet
behinde him, he arched as you heard at the pallace of
this prouo Ladie, whose missestones with fatal newes
no sooner gave him intentainment, but he fell into
a melancholly dispaire, and now seeing his long and dan-
gerous travailles, reaping no better successe, as one wea-
ried both of life and good chaunce, conuaide the saide
windie bedde into a field, by to the toppe of a high mount-
aine, where vpon he laide his bruised boode, and
was by the saide winds imediately carried away for
ever.

The Scholler whose long travells and deepe studie,
nothing inferiour to the Soldier, after he had spent
two yeares practise in stamming a fountaine, that
should yelds such a Water, that neither rayned from

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From heauen, nor sprung from the conduits of the earth: a taske as he thought impossible, yet good chaunce so directed his steps, that he arived in the Isle of Delphos, at the Oracle of Apollo, who after his deuine sacrifice, had this pleasing answere revealed to him: The dew of heauen is neither water from the clouds, nor water springing from the earth: replenish a fountaine therewith and so conquer fate, for indeed he conquered fate: for at his retурne to the proud Ladies court, in hearing of heauens iudgement laid vpon her, and how that he had consumed two yeres laboř to no effect, he presently fell lunaticke and dyed. Lastly, the marchant tasted of death a cup, as dearly as the others did, for after he had brought a bread far better then the bread of wheat, which is the bread of saluation, the sacred bible of God which he fetcht from the temple in Jerusalem: but when he saw the end of his hopes rewarded with a vision of calamitie, he departed to a desert wildernesse, onely inhabited with wilde beastes, where for want of foodc, he famished himselfe to death.

Then Sola after she had inteligeſce of the liues ruins, of those 3. gallat gentlemen, whom he had so cruelly doomed to miserable traſtailes, and that for her ſake they all three lost their liues, ſhe in great diſpaire of eternall hapninesſe, breathed her ſoule into the airc, wiſhing her ſir fifters by her example to imbrace humilitie.

Enuies Tragedie:
The life and death of Lucina, the enuious, the ſecond daughter to the inchantēd queene.

Chap 5.

Lucina being the ſecond daughter to the inchantēd queene, bearing in her breſt the burning fier of enuy, neuer

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never differed from that deadly ſinne, all the daſe of her wretched life: for after the diſease of her prowd ſister, no long time paſſed en, before Julianus then king of Fraunce, tooke her in mariage, whose nuptiall rights theſe two countries ſolemnized, in moſt princely manner, and the chiefeliſt delights and pleaſures belonging to a Queene daily attended vpon her: all things ſhe could either wiſh or deſtre were at her commaundment: heauen and earth concluded to make her a happy princiſſe: onely this, conſent of minde wanted, for nature denied to ſacrifie her bodie, and grace her with the name of a mother: thereforoſe in wanting children ſhe grew enuiouſ to the world, and ſpighted thoſe women that heauen had ſo bleſſed: now in proceſſe of time, the king, queene and the nobilitie of the land roade a progreſſe, into the countre, moſe by their preſence to win their ſubiects love, then for their owne contents and pleaſure: and as in great ſtate, and moſt princely manner, they paſſed by a forreſt hōe, where then was ſituatioue the caſtle of an auſtient knight, and an old ſeruitor to the kings father in the chriſtian warres, and thereforeoſe was intituled one of the kniȝts of the Roads, in whiſch caſtle as the queene paſſed by, a moſte pleasant and delighfull meledy of muſique ſounded in her eare, at which not ſeeing any, ſhe greatly maruelled, and demauded the cauſe of that extraordinarie reioyſing: the anſweſe was, that vpon that day was borne to the knight and laſdie of the caſtle, a man childe, who never before that time, for the ſpace of twelve yeres, was grac'd with any: is this the cauſe (laide the queene) now I ſee þe ſubiects in diſgrace of the queenes barrennes, will not ſickē but make therof a may-game, and to mine owne eares glue me a diſhonourable ſcandal, as I am now queene of ſcrance this their presumption ſhall be queltanced with death, and ſhort ſhalbe the ioy they receiuē in thiſ childeſ birth: thiſ enuy like a conqueror, ſeaſd vpon all the parts of her bodie: & with the vndeserued hate he boze vnto thiſ knight

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and his ladie, her bery heart plotted straunge confusyon : all the way as he rood along not a word proceeded from her mouth, but sandt of enuy and mallice, and not a flumber closed vp her eyelids, but it begot dreams of hate and furie: all her meditations were of the ouerthow of these two guiltie soules, who little missterte what deadly plots he deasid against their deaceslues: eury day to this eniuious queene seemd a yere till their progress ended, which as ill fortane had allotted, was broke of in this manner.

The communys of Poymondie and Pikardie, made an insurrection agaynt the nobilitie, and none but the kings presence could alay their tumultuous furies, who with al speede, princely prouided with men, mony and munition, tooke his iorney towards them, whose absence no sooner gave way to the queenes malice, but she dispatched a messenger (one of the gromes of the kings chamber) to the betraied knight and his ladie, not yet churched, commanding them by the dewte of ale to grace, to repaire unto the court, and giue attendance in her chamber, till the kings returne (only as she dissembled) the dearest friends to tryst hale.

This message of the Queenes pleasure, being no sooneer deliuered to the knight and his ladie, but as dutifull subjectes, resoyced that ther seruices in the kings absence, could bring unto the queene such high pleasure, therfore leaning their castle in quiet government, with all convenient speede they repairedd to the queenes pallace, bearing with them their little childe, who at the first were infortaind with a friendly regard, and their childe by the queenes commaundement taken from them, and as shee saide, put forth to nurse: but such a bloodie nursery I think never tender babe indured: little suspected the good knight and his gentle ladie, what a balefull banquet was preparing for them, for the eniuious and angry queene, in need of tender paps to glue the infant nourishment, shew comminge

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commaunded it to be made food for that worme, that gaue it first life: so hauing bloodde minisiers ready prepared for that tirannicall enterprize according to her wickid meyning, the prettie babe as a service (bake in a pie) was brought to the table of the unhappy parents, whome the queene had then placed in two chaires in her chamber, directly the one against the other, where after they had satisfied hunger (unknowne to them) with the fruit of their owne bowels, she locking fast the chamber doore, assisted by thre or fourre bloody murtherers, prouided for the same purpose, and bound them both fast in their chaires with hempen cordes, bands unsittynge for such noble minded personages, and being now lestered in the grys of confusion, with an eniuious tongue she uttered forth the rancour of her heart in this manner.

Maruell not prouud knight (quoth the queene) nor thou painted minion of beawtie, at this yours odaine misusage, for till I behould both your hearts livelesse, your eyes sightles, and your tonges sprachles, the rauening lawes of fury feeds vpon my soule: what hath nature in you grafted more then in me? you bring basely borne, haue the giftes of chyldeen, I royally descended, am made barren, by desteny: and because the seede of procreation prospers in your adulterous beds, you liue in all tolltie, making reioycing melodye to my disgrace, whilst I pining in woe, vainly desiring chyldeen canst obtaine them: therfore know that I being a queene, haue a boddye yong, faire, and likely to conceave, crost and spighted by the cruelties of nature, haue protested a secret revenge agaynt you, and all such as to my dishonour haue their bodies seeming with chyldeen: and now you two shall be the beginnars of my intended massacres: therfore knowe, as the first act to this my blacke tragedie, you haue fed and satisfied hunger, with the fruit of your owne bowels: so vpon thee (thou father of this dead infant, by thine owneselffe heere denouzed) I will exten such a torment

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torment, as never Tyrant devised, but as thou art a Soldier, so Soldier like shalt thou finish vp thy daies, wherupon she caused an armour burning red hot from the are to be brought, and without either mercy or pittie, buckled it unto his naked backe, where (like unto Hercules putting on the shirt that cruell Nessus sent) he made such pittifull moane as might haue inforsed teares to fal from a Tigers eye, and the verry marble stones giue signes of lamentations, but pore knight as without cause he indured this dying punishment, so with great patiences yeilded he vp his ghoast, in the sight of his beloved Ladie, who being no lesse perplered with the frights of pale death, awaited the fatal hower of the like dying torment, which according to her sorrowfull expectation, she was imediately presented withall, so whilst she late fast bound in her chaire, gaing vpon the dead broiled bodie of her husband, this envious queene caused her to be stript stark naked, and to her two tender breasts, placed two speckled venomous snakes, almost starved for want of foode, which with their poisoned fangs suckt her hearts life blood quight through her breasts, during which time of her dying torment, continuing for the space of an hower, these and such like lamentations she breathed forth.

Oh you dreadfull powers of heauen ! why in a milde womans breast, haue you placed a Tigers heart : why haue you suffered kinde to worke against kinde, nature against nature, and reason against reason? one woman thus cruelly to betray another? oh whence is gentlenes become? whether is mercy fled? one beast will not hurt each other, the vilest worme the earth breedes, will by nature pittie one another: but here is a woman that hath shamed her sex, distaind nature, poluted woman kinde, an enemie both to heauen and earth: she hath made me husbandless, and childlesse, and imediately will make me lieuelesse: oh thou celestiall tower, where iustice sits enthroned, open thy glorious gates to iutertaine a widows curse, strike downe with

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With a heauy hand, let shame and destruction persue her to death, let some miracle of her tirany be the worlds mark till doomes day: some strange confusion falleth vp her lifs to appease the soules of thre unfortunate wretches, onely made miserable through the envy of a malicious queene: and now thou earth farwell, thou nurse and mother of my life adiew, let thre liues in two bodies be in thy bosome intombd, say now I feele deaths wrath tearing my heart in sunder, and the verry minute of my life fading, and gentle death now art thou welcome: thus with a groane I close thee in my bosome: and in speaking these wordes the braunches of her life withered: The envious queene thus triumphing in the victory of their destructions, not any whit relented at the pitteous moane of this good Ladie, but like an untamed Panther, devised new cruelties against their dead bodies, which she performed in this vile maner: Contrary to good nature and all humanitie, she caused a furnace to be heat red hot, and therein consumed the substance of these dead bodies into pale ashes, from whence flew sparckling flames of fire, like flakes of bloud vp towards heauen, as it were chalenging vengeance at the throne of maiestie.

These tirannicall deedes both against life and death were no sooner effected, but news came vnto her, of her princely husbands returne from quieting the comons tumults, whom she parposeth with a dissembling countenance of ioy to entertaine: so atiring herselfe in her richest ornaments, attened on with a troope of honourable Ladies, some mile distant, from her bloud stained pallace, she gratulated the king with a princely welcome home: but (as the angry fates had iustly decreted) before the word of welcome could proceed from her mouth, the heauens call such a dark cloud ouer y earth, with such a feareful tempest, and thunder, that the fruities of the earth flamed & the leaues of trees were scortched to satisfie y angry wrath of heauen, wherat the king asrichted in minde, challenged the queene of some blacke

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black misdeed by her committed, beauty in the sight of heaven, in being thus offended with the world, but she whose heart, blushing shame had hardened, grew impatient at his speeches, and wist that brauen might make her one of the worlds wonders, if ever she wrought or consented to any deede of shame, other then what vertue put her in minde to doe. This presumptuous wif of hers so displeased the al-seeing powers, that immediately the bowels of the earth cleaved, and swallowed her vp aline into her gaping womb: and directly in the same place where in sinking she gave the world a farewell, sprung vp a blod red statue of stone, seeming to haue weeping eies, and wringing hands, which to this day there still stands, and is recorded in the french Annalls to be one of the seauen wonders of Fraunce: the king haing a conscience touched with remorse, and dreading least the heauy wrath of Heaven, shold for her blood-stained sinne light vpon the whole country: therefore after he had searched out the whole faction of this blacke misdeed, and put them to execution: as a pilgrim bare legd, bare footed, clothd in hairecloth, he wauched to Jerusalem, and at the Sepulcher of Iudas God, craved remission for this his dead queenes offence, by which meanes he wauht away this stayned spot, from his countreys browe: and after spent his daies in tranquilltie and peace.

Wraths Tragedie:

The life and death of Marsia the wrathfull, the third daughter to the enchanted queene.

Chap. 6.

The third daughter of this fatal generation, might in the right of nature, challenge as great supremacie of beau-

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tie as the other her two former sisters: and not onely an amiable countenance and comely proportion, ornewed her outward shape, but an excellent gift of art and nature beautified her inward parts, for her minde being replenished with artificiall mysterie, so iudicall in the tongues of learning, so perfitt in eloquence, so curios in needleworke, the onely excercise of prynes, that the world esteemed her one of the muses darlings, and the very paragon of womankinde: in her the whole lands happiness consisted: the onely excellent artist of her time, haing a supernaturall gift, in the noble science of Limming, wherein she greatly delighted, and the more to make her fame gloriouſ in the world, she with a pencell portraited in a map of picture, the frame of the creation of the world: every thing in his right shape, so lively set forth, as both beastes, fowles and fishes seemed to retaine life: the sunne, moone and starres, as it were gaue a kinde of light, so artificially shadowed she their qualitie: woods, feldes, and foreſt appeared properly greene, and flourishing, and the watry sea gliding thorough the earths bosome, glistened like christall, and her swelling billowes seemed to rise and fall, that no earthly eye could make a difference between them and the surges of the hallow ocean.

This excellent peice of workmanship being to her hearts content finished, was set to the open view of all eies, challenged a superioritie in that mysterie aboue all others of the time: but now amongſt many that came from al parts of the kingdomme, to behold this rare peice of workmanship, there came one, whose skill therein, the whole earth admirid, the which in former times had bin tutor to this Princesse, and first instructed her in the principles of this delightfull arte: this reverent man (so his milke-white head claims reuerentnesse) after he had in the presence of many noble personages, circumspectly viewed every secret of this rare worke, and marking every curvous shadow how it was laide, lastly found a desoulinie in

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the portraiture of man, and to this Princesses disgrace, as she tooke it, found great fault therewith, at which Marsias inrath so inkndled, and with such flames fiered her whole bodie, that in presence of all the nobilitie, with a silver bokin striking in the goulden trammels of her haire, she furiously stabbed the good old man vnto the heart, so greatly her inrath preuailed: this bloodie and enraged fact, by the whole assembly was generally lamented, and by her wrathfull hand no sooner done but repented, for wrath being of nature sodaine, a little ouerpased, conuerts into remorse, so happened it with this Ladie, so when her eye beheld the purple goare of his lueles heart, panting vpon the ground, she striued in reuenge thereof to teare out her own eies, and wold haue committed that bloody crueltie vpon her selfe, had not the Standers by preuented her, wherevpon in great agonie, she vttered soozth this enraged complaint.

Oh why will not heauen (quoth she) take my blood-stained life, and breath into his breathles bodie new aire? or why may not my eyes so; sake their hated cels, within his eies to give a seeing powrer: oh y this breast of mire were now vnbowelled, and this my wrathfull heart toze from my bosomes closet, and sacrificed vpon that carkasse, whiche my cruell hand hath vntimely slaine: be therefore oh thou fatal hand, for ever lame, deny to gine sustenance to this my vile bodie, harboring now nothing but cogitations of reuenge: graunt this oh heauen, that from henceforth I may never tast one bit of foode in joy, nor walke abroad but in discontent, nor sleepe but in frightfull feares, nor dreame but of melancholly dispaire, for my sodain hand hath slaine, the miracle of humanitie, within whose head, (whilst life lasted) dwelled true wisedome, a tongue tipt with eloquence, and a voice resounding reports of celestial vnderstanding: these and such like passions vttered shee from the fury of her repentant soule, which imediately haue broke her heart strings, had not the care of her Ladies,

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(then there atending) conducted her to her chamber, where they with the harmony of musique and melodie of voices, rockt her grieved soules into a silent slumber, in which quiet rest (as they imagined) they leit this distressed princes: but far otherwise happeneth still to a troubled minde, for as she lay sighing and sobbing vpon her bed, greeving at the blood she so wrathfully spilt, there appeared before her face, the gashly shape of the murthered old man, wan & pale in visage breathing forth hollow groanes, to the deepe terror of her soule, and seemd to her affrighted eies, to open the closet of his bleeding breast, as it were thirsting for reuenge, and desiring blood for blood: This fearefull and strange sight, so deeply molested her conscience, that from that time forward, she banished away al thoughts of foreſtallacy, and delighted in nothing but her owne confuſion, so heauy lay the guilt of murther vpon her soule, so after that time not any foode would she euer take into her bodie, nor euer after indure the fellowship of people, nor neuer suffer one small slumber to close vp her eye lids, but in great woe and miserie, ouerwatched and pined her selfe to death, to the great discomfort and sorrow of the whole land, who by a generall consent, intombed both their bodies in one graue, and erected therevpon a sumptuous sepulcher, the whiche to this day standeth in great glory in the citie of Paris.

Auarice her Tragedie:
Or the life & death of Mercuria the couetous, the fourth
daughter to the enchanted queene.

Chap 7.

The fourth of these unhappy children, bearing the name of Mercuria the couetous, esteeming the countries content, beyond the glories of y court, banishing from her selfe all

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a princely desires, accouting the brāds of ambitiō, & the ouely spurs of destruction: so making her three former sile-
ers a memo:all example of principallities downefall, she
purposed to spend her daies as a shpheardisse in the coun-
trey, where in stead of a royll court, She had the siluaine
fieldes and mountaines to live in, & in place of her prince-
ly attendance, she had her flocks of sheepe to delight in,
whose plentifull increase of wooll, were as the treasures
both of land and sea: her imperiall diadem, was her sheep-
ooke: her pleasurable musique, the chirping melodie of
birds : her guard, the pretty watchfull curre, that with
his shirle barking gaue notice of insuring daungers: and
the treasons complotted against her, were the tiranny of
devoloying wolues: but such was her siluaine care and
countrie dilligence, that her flocks sustainted small hurt by
the bloody rage of this spoiler, by which meanes in short
time, her riches grew vnuaualable, and her treasures with-
out number: but the greedy thirst of her wealths further
increase, so bewitched her insatiate desires, that her verry
soule grew soffed with vile couetousnes, and the smalles
losse thereof drew drops of blood from her heart: she feared
to trust the aire with her mony, least the winde should con-
sume it away: nor the earth, least the wormes should con-
sume it: nor the sea, least fishes should purloine it: but in
a more securer manner (as she thought) she intended to
hide it betwixt heauen and earth, that both months, weeks
daies, and howers, she might with the sight thereof glutte
the sight of her thristie eies, so hauing a huge some of pure
gould, closed in an Iorne truncke, the which in a darke
gloomy night, (the secret concealer of all blacke deedes)
she conuaitde and hid in the hollow trunck of an old with-
ered oake, standing betwixt two steepy hills: where the
fracking steps of man sildone treadeth: in which hollow
tree, almost rotten with age, she secretly hid this rich iew-
ell of her soule: intombing it therein with these speeches:
Lie thou there (quoth Quee) my sweet gould, thou great

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commaunder of mankind, my desres content, my earths
happines, my hearts rauisher: by seeing thee I am rau-
ished with joy, & in possessing thee I feede vpon the plea-
sures of the world: what is it not but gould can bring to
passe: gould can purchase kingdenies, and betray Prin-
ces: gould can buy preferment, and make men myghtie:
gould can make the swish wise, and curb authoritie: gould
can win faire Ladies, and wrong the mariage bed: gould
can tempt the chaste, and lack virginitie: nay goulde
can change vice into vertue, falsehood into troth, and vile
villany into pure honestie: then be thou sweet gould my
second soule, for in losing thee the world ends with me:
in this manner left she this corrupting gould lying in the
hollow tree, purposing every day once to feed her eies with
the bewitching sight thereof: but now marke what hap-
pened to this couetous woman, the next morning by the
opening of the daies windows, there came vnto the same
place where this gould lay, a poore man, a distressed wretch
with a rope in his hand, vpon the same tree to end his
wearisome life: the reason was, that the pittifull cries of
his wife and children, complaing so: bread at his hands
he not being able to satisfie their wants, came thether to
hang himselfe, and so by that meanes rid himselfe from the
complaining cries of his poore wife and needy children, but
as the good chaunce of smiling heauen was, in tying the
rope about an arme or brauncb of the same tree, making a
noose to put ouer his head, and in giuing the unkinde world
a dolesful adew, he espied this coffer of gould, at which he
staide from that selfe vnlid murther, and being toyfull of so
rich a purchase, left the rope there still hanging, and car-
ried the coffer home, to the comfort of his wife & children:
thus you see heauen by good meanes, and the deare soule
of this desperate man, and releaved the distressed estate
of his almost starned family: which we leavie now in
groat sop, and speake of the woful calamitie, tyed vpon
the backe of this couetous ladie, who imediately after this
poore mans departure, came vnto the aforesaid tree to

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ooke vppon her gould, whereby her heart might leape at the ioyfull sight therof: but no sooner found she her hopes frustrate, her gould gon, and an instrument of death left hanging vppon the tree in place thereof, she grew into such a violent dispaire, that without either care of her liues safetie, or prevention of her soules damnation, in the same corde she strangled her selfe: her bodie being thus made breathlesse, exempted from the sight of people, had no other buriall but in the rauening malnes of hunger-starued soules: whose graunge confusion had never bin knowne, but through the voice of her troubled ghoast, which walked many yeares after betwixt those two hils, and revealed it to the country inhabitants: thus was her couetousnes scourged for a grieuous sin, both by heauen and hell.

Gluttonies Tragedie:

Or the life and death of Iouina, the drunkard, the first daughter to the enchanted queene.

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Ouina now the subject of our tragick storie, and first daughter to this enchanted Queene, as fate and chaunce ordyned, was matcht in marriage to the rich Cardinall of Lozraine, whose court for magnificence, equalld any prelates before his time: for every day vprising and downe lying, he had a thousand officers in his pallace, and prouision for the maintenance thereof, were the customes of three riche dukedemes: this haughtie and prouud Cardinall, was in his life so vitious, that he accounted drunkennes a deed of manhood: and he that could best deuise new seruises to

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pamper vp gluttonie, he advanced to great authoritie: and his riotous table was accounted the treasurie of earth, aire and sea, of beasties, soules and fishes: but God owing him a grieuous shame, in the middle of his magnificence, when he feasted at one time in the honour of his greatnes, thre christian kings: to the wonder of them all, he was choakt with a grape huske, hayning in a cup of Arabian wine: this his sodaine death not onely amazed the whole compa- ny, but drave such a discontent into the minde of Iouina, that she purposed a present revenge vpon the whole coun- try: and as the customes of y nations are, that by the death of such an imperious prelate, all the land & tenementes falle from the loise: so she to make a spotle thereof made such a funerall banquet, as Spaines chronicles to this day speaks of: for no sooner had the earth closed vp the Cardi- nall's perfumed bodie, and delivered the same to the fury of consuming wormes, but this gluttonous woman by sound of drum and trumpets, caused a proclamation to be made throughout all the country, of a free banquet for the space of seauen daies, awarding to him or her that could eate or drinke the moste, a hoope of pure gould to compass in their bellies: the report of this deadly p[ro]p[ri]e[ty] of sin, being no sooner brused abroad, but of rioters, spendthiflers, glut- tons, and drunkards, from al parts arrived such numbers that the walles of Lozraine could hardly conteine them, the tables wherat they sat were as natures storehouse, variably yeelding all kinde of delicacies, and their pam- pered wombes as the insatiate gulfe of hell never fyllized: some there were that had their bellies split in sunder by ouerfilling them: some in the middle of their gluttony choakt with superfluities, some by overcharging themselves with wine, vomited out their inward partes, and some fell into such deadly sleepes, as they never wakened againe: and of all these multitude of people, the tenth man departed not away with life, so consuming a tragedie brought this vyle daid of gluttonie, and drunkennes vpon that country.

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Now Louina her selfe seeing the earth almost strewd over with stifeled carlasses, began to enuy at the powers of heauen, and in contempt thereof, drew forth a sharpe knise, and threw it vp toward the aire, saying, I wil wound fate and dismember the destinies, in crossing thus the glory of my magnifcent banquet: but the knife she cast vp never more descended, but instead thereof fell downe three drops of bloud, directly before her vpon the table where she sat, which strange and dismal sight stroake terror and remorse into her conscience, and such a dispairing repentance into her cogitations, that from that time forward (as the angry heauens had appointed) she consumed the remnant of her life (which was but short) in bitter lamentations: Now blacke vengeance (quoth she) hath doomd me with a thousand calamities, and the scarlet canopie of destruction is euē ready to close in my hated life: in moste vile courses haue my loathed steps wanded in, and now the reward thereof is shame & confusion: me thinks I heare succoules people calling for that food I so gluttonously haue spent: me thinks I heare the unpittied widdow, and the hungry exphant, challenging my destruction: me thinks I hears the decrepit and aged wretches, soliciting heauen for reueuge: me thinks I heare the pining prisoners, in deepe danguerous, exlayning againe my riotous gluttony, and me thinks the troubled earth, bellowses vp reuenging echoes, against my sinne drowned bodie: thus mourned her relenting tongue, till her unstanchable worme grew as it were starued with hunger, and then striuing to suffize nature, could not, for the pipes of her liues maintenāce, were clunged vp, and by the full powers of mortallitie, had a heauier iudgement laide vpon her, for that food which heauen and nature ordaind for her liues sustinance, were converted into a contrary substance, her bread beaten changed into stones, her meat into venomous toads, and crawling wormes: and her drinke into a puddle of poysone liquour, the stench & sauer whereof no mouth could indure: thus

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thus exempted both from heauens grace and earths pittie, she languished many daies, hated of God and man: til the fatal sisters finished her wearisome life: this was the heauens scourge for gluttonie and drunkennes, as black a sin and as deadly as any of the seauen.

Letcheries Tragedie:
Or the life and death of Veneria the lustfull, the sixt daughter to the inchaunted queene.

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Till followes one misfortune vpon another, necke, woe vpon woe, calametie vpon calametie: and this seed so wickedly sowne, could not chuse but be blasted in the bloome: now to our sad discourses, sooner had Veneria the sixt daughter of this enchanted queene, yeelded vp the tender bud of her virginitie, changing her mayden head for a wifes honour, being then conoyrd in mariage with the Princely king of Bohemia: before one month had consumd thirtie daies, grew inward vpon a base grome, one of the kitchen scullions, whom in her lustfull eye, seemd to be a excellell of knightly behaviour, though a deformed basell of humble seruitude, therefore as the temptations of sin had deluded her, careles of her princely husbands honour, and regardles of her owne reputation, vpon a time in her husbands absence, she caused this hated night-owl the scullion, to be sent for, touching (as he diskembled) some serious busines to be imployd in: who being no sooner priuatly come into her presence, but reuealing the burning heat of her lust, she gaue him this vnlookt for entertainment: Little thinkst thou good Antonio (quoth she, for so was he named)

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named) behit high promotions are heaped vpon thy head; for nature in thy first creation, ordained thee to enjoy the pleasures of a princely bedde: though envious time now burthenes thee with slanery, yet fate and good fortune crownes thee with happines: then knowe thou iewell of mine eye, that my bosome containes a heart dauncing at thy presence, and without the scuiftion of thy loue, it will quight consume away: I bring a Princesse am more hap- les then the country milke-maide, for she may challenge that same loue that facy leads her to, but I dare not claime the least interest of my pining passions: be not hard hear- ted then deere Antonio, be as gentie as the clasping vine, hem in my bodie with thy manly armes, take the pleasures of my honours sacke, feede on content, if content be in my yeelding bodie, for I am impatient of delay: my husbands armes are like unto the twinding iubraces of serpents, his kistes as the crocadils, and his bed more loathsome then a den of snakes: oh that nature had made me humble as thy selfe, partner in thy fortunes, and thy second selfe, either now yeeld to my desires, or I vow by him that made both heauen and earth, I will pursue thee with a vengeance more terrible, then euer mans irefull heart i- magined: and conclude on this, that either continuall hap- pines, or everlasting misery is put unto thy hearts choyce: Now this poore wretch, vnacustomed to these demands, Good for a time as one new dropt from the cloodes, not knowing what to resolute vpon: but at last as it were ra- nished with all celestiall blessednes, and seeing time as he thought fit for euer to make him selfe happy, by intoying the delightsome fauours of so great a princesse, condescen- ded to satisshe the desires of her barming lust: and according to her pleasure, with blacke misdeeds distaind the whight honours of her mariage bed: Veneria hauing thus wonne him to her wishes, caused his bace attires to be stripped off and his bodie to be clothed in rich vestures, the more to seeke lusses gluttonie, and appointed him the next night

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to set foote within her adulterous bedde, which in moste wicked manner was accomplished: But now marke how shame cannot lye long hid, nor the concealer of sinne (darke night) couer this polluted crime: but as confusions watch- bel seunded these her dishonours abroad, through the faith- full beautie of the kings chamber-keepers, he had intelli- gence thereof: so chusing to himselfe a selected number to effect his reuenge, at the middle hower of night, when nothing disquieted the sleepes of humaine creatures, but the gentle blustering of windes, and the muscall murmu- rings of running waters: he entred the chamber of this his lustfull and adulterous queene, who securely lay then sleeping in the bosome of this base scullion, droue such a rage into the heart of the vnquiet king, as flesh and blood could hardly indure it: therefore drawing a shott semiter from his side, he sheathed it in the breast of his wifes mi- nion, whose blood with such fury gushed from his polluted bosome, as it wakened the sinne-stained queene, who at the first sight of her husbands presence, in her smock all to be sprinckled with the scullions blood, fell downe vpon her knees, craving remission for that crime which she so long had thirted after: but the enraged king to her penitent contrition, was as remooreles as the dease adder, and as far from granting her life, as the soules in hell bee from salvation, yet being his second selfe, a collop of his owne flesh, and his owne mariage choice, he would not dealls his cleare hands with her detested blood, therefore as a pi- ning penance for this lustfull fact, for this mariage bed so distaind, for this nuptiall promise broken, for this worlds scandall, this marriedmans dishonour, and for this euer- lasting spot of disgrace, he inflicted vpon her a lingring pu- nishment, which in this manner was imediately effected: First he caused a large coffen to be brought, wherein he put the murthered bodie of the scullion: then to the same dead bodie, (beginning now to peurifie and stink) he tyed the liue bodie of his queene, and so in the coffen closed them vp

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both together, that as she injoyd his fellowship in life, so might she consume with him being dead, by which meanes the very wormes that lyed vpon the dead carkasse, in a manner denouyred vp her liue bodie: and thus were the sinnes of lust and adulterie, scourged with a plague but sil-
dome heard of.

Sloths Tragedie:

Or the life and death of Saturnia the sluggard, the se-
uenth and last daughter of the enchanted Queene.

Chap. 9



Aturnia the last, but not the vnhappiest of these sisters, had the gentlest fortune of them al allotted her, yet in striving to prevent fate, was taken in her owne trap, and when she least dreamed on, tasted of the bitter cup of death: the worlde shs accoun-
ted the wildernes of iniquitie, and the very puddle of mi-
sery: therefore hating the fellowship of mankinde, she pur-
posed to forsake all princely glories, courtly delights, and
worldly pleasures, and betake her to the solitary life of
diana, and to spend the remnant of her daies in some desert
wildernes, where no sinne abounded. So vpon an eue-
ning, without company she stole from the court, guided by
the pale light of the moone, and the twinkling star-light
of heauen, she happened into a thicke groue of trees, as it
were inhabited onely by fayeries, elues, and the ghoastes
of dead men: day and night there seemid all one: the glori-
ous sunne as a straunger there shewd his face, and the
voices of humaine creatures were accounted fatall to be
there heard: night-ravens, howlats, batus with leather
wings, flying griffens and kokatrises, couered quight o-
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uer these thickets: vpon the ground lay red bellied worms, speckled snakes, hissing adders, venomous toads, lothsome spiders, and sleeping dozemice: so that neither heare nor grasse was there to be seene, onely heaps of browne mosse, vpon the which she rested her discontented bodie: twise twelve moneths without waking slept she therevpon, onely fed by the gentle meanes of greene-capt fairies, in which long sleepe her dremes were of the torments of hell, and the manner of her six sisters punishments in that damned region.

First in her sleepe she beheld her eldest sister, bearing the name of Pride, attired in a garment boyled in molten lead, with a neckercher about her necke of flaming fire: and her dainty feete seemed to walke vpon red burning coales.

Next, she beheld her second sister, called Enuy, grasing in her hands a paire of fiery stinging snakes, which as it were lay feeding vpon her flesh, even readie to burst with the abundance of blood suckt from her bosome.

Then she beheld her third sister called Wrath, wading into a boyling caldron of fire and brimstone, vp to the very chin, and in brazen ladles casting the same vp and downe in great fury.

Then fift she her eye vpon her fourth sister named Co-
uetousnes, feeding on melted gould, and every part of her
bodie behung with burning pearles, saphires & diamonds,
which seemd to seare the very flesh from her bones.

After this she beheld her fift sister, which was Gluttony
sitting in a flaming chaire, at a table of red hotte yorne,
serued by deuils, with broiled toads vpon grid-yrons,
and drincking dwyne chalices of boyling mettles.

The next vision was her sixt sister, named Letchery, ly-
ing in a bed of smoking sulphur, delivered of a blood of vi-
pers, who with their fiery teeth fed vpon her bowels, and
as it were had her bodie spread all ouer with vile lepro-
sie.

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These were her fearefull dreames and continuall apparitions, in which vnquiet sleepe she remained without waking, till her bodie grew shapeies, hauing no proportion, as then made the shelter for toads, frogs, and venomous wormes, to breed in the excrements of the earth, and the deformities of nature: thus vanished her life away in sleepe, being no way able to withstand the scuere indignation of heauen.

Of the inchaunced queenes dispaire, and how she was carried away aliue by deuils.

CHAP. 9.



After the death of all these seauen deadly sisters, now brought to confusson by the blacke doome of mortallitie: our tragick story bids vs returne to the inchaunted queene, lying all this while in childbed, sightles and lame, hauing no feeling in any part of her members, which miracle of misery, after she had intelligence of her seauen daughters tragicall ends, assuredly beleevued that then her life was at the last period, and the time of fearefull death drew neare, according to her conditions made to the deuil, who promised she should liue till the seauen daies of the weeke were forgotten, which she aluded to her seauen daughters so named: now feare, terror, and pining dispaire assailed her on all sides: now dreaded she every minute, her soules departure to that burning furnace, whose fire is ten times more hotte then this earthly fire, and now euery small noise she heard, she supposed, to be the hurring of deuils that came to take possession both of soule and bodie: every minute wished she now to be whole yeares, howers, millions and daies ended,

& Miracula a Spanish Witch.

It is time to stand still, or the world to end: now she repented her ambition, her aspiring dignities, and all those desires of a kingdome: now repented she the selling of her soule: her hands sealing with her owne blood, and all her agement with blacke hell: every tyme the clocke struck put her in minde of eternall damnation, and how that hells gaping mouth stood ready to receive her: cursing the begotters and causers of her creation: thus in deepe remorse of conscience, spent she out the tiresome day, the last day of her worldly life, till the clowdy euening with her pitchy mantle approached, the onely comparatiue of gloomy hell, the which had no sooner shut vp the bright eye of heauen, but clowdes more darke then darknes it selfe, checked the world with motions of pale death: such tempests of lightning and thunder, broake from heauens chistall portalls, that it even blasted the beautie of the earth, and afred both trees, heathes, and flowers, in a mournfull livery: this night to al mankind was a night of feare, a night of relentes terror, a night of confused desolation, in which extremitie of horro: it continued till the mid-nights hower, at which instant time with a clamorous roaring, that seemed to shake both heauen and earth, the wrathfull powers of blacke hell, fetcht away both her bodie and soule: the which being done, the heaues cleared, the earth replenished, and after followed a time of plentie, peace and prosperitie.

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